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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA, KS KN BE

SUBJECT: KOREAN ITEM AT UNGA

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1. DCM OF SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY HERE (KWUN) HAS TOLD US THAT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED KOREANS THAT BELGIUM WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY KOREAN ITEM AT UNGA BUT DOES NOT PLAN TO CO-SPONSOR. FONMIN OFFICIAL CITED BELGIAN EXCLUSION FROM CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON KOREA (REFTEL) AS REASON FOR DECLINING TO CO-SPONSOR.

2. KWUN SAID FONMIN OFFICIAL HAD INDICATED THAT FONMIN VAN ELSLANDE MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO CHANGE DECISION AND ACCEPT CO-SPONSORSHIP IF SOUTH KOREANS COME UP WITH ADEQUATE EXPLANATION OF WHY BELGIANS EXCLUDED FROM CONSULTATIONS. KWUN TOLD US HE HAD PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO SEOUL BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. WE INFERRED FROM KWUN'S REMARKS THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO SEOUL THAT KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER MEET WITH VAN ELSLANDE IN NEW YORK TO OFFER EXPLANATION.

3. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED QUESTION OF BELGIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP
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WITH BELGIANS SINCE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN IO DIRECTOR

BAUWENS REPORTED IN REFTEL. ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT THAT
BELGIAN ATTITUDE MAY NOT BE DIRECTED SOLELY AT KOREANS,
IT WOULD APPEAR FROM KWUN'S COMMENTS THAT BEST BET FOR
OBTAINING BELGIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE FOR KOREANS
(POSSIBLE AT FONMIN LEVEL IN NEW YORK) TO APPROACH BELGIANS
WITH "EXPLANATION" SUFFICIENT TO ASSUAGE BELGIAN
RESENTMENT.FIRESTONE

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